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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Commission No. 674

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT : Information disseminated to the Secret Service but not yet made available to the President's Commission

1. Reference is made to paragraph two of your memorandum, dated 12 February 1964, to the Director of Central Intelligence requesting that information previously supplied to the Secret Service be furnished to the President's Commission.

2. On 22 and 23 November, immediately following the assassination of President Kennedy, three cabled reports were received from the CIA station in Mexico City relative to photographs of an unidentified man who visited the Cuban and Soviet Embassies in that city during October and November 1963, and data on departures by air for the United States of three persons who, it was believed, might be identical with Lee Harvey OSWALD. On 23 November, a CIA liaison officer, acting on instruction, cabled three reports based on these cables to Mr. Robert Bouck, Protective Research Staff, the Secret Service, Executive Office Building. Paraphrases of the three unnumbered reports thus delivered to the Secret Service are attached to this memorandum.

3. The subject of the photographs mentioned in these reports is not Lee Harvey OSWALD.

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4. In response to your request at our meeting on 12 March, and confirmed in your memorandum of 16 March, we will arrange for Mr. Willens or Mr. Stern to review at Langley original copies of these three disseminations to the Secret Service and the cables on which they were based, as well as the photographs of the unidentified man that are in our file.

5. This memorandum and the attachments convey information originating with very sensitive sources and methods. They therefore bear an appropriate sensitivity indicator.



Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

Attachments

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Attachment A

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Attachment A

Message to the Protective Research Staff,
The Secret Service, delivered by hand
on 23 November 1963, at 1030 hours

Through sources available to it, the CIA in Mexico City had come into possession of a photograph of an unidentified person thought to have visited the Cuban Embassy in mid-October. This individual, it was believed at the time, might be identical with Lee Harvey OSWALD. The Mexico City Station was attempting to locate photographs of other persons known to frequent the Cuban Embassy. At the same time, an effort was being made to establish the dates on which Lee Harvey OSWALD had entered and left Mexico.

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Attachment B

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The CIA Mexico City Station had discovered that
the following individuals departed Mexico City by
air during early November 1963 and might be identical
with Lee Harvey OSWALD:

- (1) Lee MARTIN departing on Mexicana
flight 800, to Chicago on 1 November 1963.
- (2) Wilford OSWALT, departing on Mexicana
flight 800, to Chicago on 12 November 1963.
- (3) William OSWALD, departing on Braniff
flight 50, to San Antonio on 8 November 1963.

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Attachment C

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Message to the Protective Research Staff,
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CIA Headquarters was informed by its station
in Mexico City on 23 November that several photo-
graphs of a person known to frequent the Soviet
Embassy in Mexico City, and who might be identical
with Lee Harvey OSWALD, had been forwarded to
Washington by the hand of a United States official
returning to this country.

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21 NOV 1960

The Honorable Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Hugh:

Please refer to your letter of 25 October 1960 and my reply of 3 November in which you were advised that our files were being searched for information concerning Americans living in Bloc countries who might be called "defectors." It is hoped that the attached list with brief information on each will meet your needs.

In addition to those appearing on your list, there is included information on Virginia Frank COE and Maurice Hyman HALPERIN. While these individuals have not renounced their American citizenship or declared themselves in any way, both are employed by the Bloc countries in which they now reside and are capable of supplying useful information to the governments of those countries. They are accompanied by their wives.

There have been several instances of persons who might have been called "defectors" at one time but have since returned to the United States apparently disenchanted. We have not listed them.

Although we have confined our research to the relatively recent period noting that your list deals with those cases occurring during the last eighteen months, I do wish to mention Alfred R. STERN and his wife, Martha Dodd STERN. They fled from Mexico

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The Honorable Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Hugh:

I have your letter of 25 October 1960 requesting certain information concerning Americans living in Bloc countries who might be called "de". Our files are being searched for the information you desire, and you will be hearing further from me in a few days.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.
RICHARD M. BISSELL
Deputy Director
(Plans)